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FOLLOWING TEL MADRAS 1335 DTD 29 JUL 76 RCVD NEW DELHI  
BEING REPEATED TO YOU. QUOTE

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JOINT STATE/USIS MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS. PINS, SOPN, CASC, IN

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT JOHN SAAR

REF: NEW DELHI 10736

1. JOHN SAAR, A BRITISH NATIONAL EMPLOYED BY THE LONDON BUREAU OF THE WASHINGTON POST, AND HIS WIFE, MELINDA NIX, WHO WORKS FOR CBS NEWS, (PRESUMABLY OUT OF LONDON), CALLED ON USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE S. KRISHNAN (WHOSE NAME HAD BEEN GIVEN THEM BY LEW SIMONS) ON JULY 29. SAAR/NIX HAD JUST ARRIVED IN MADRAS FROM SINGAPORE. WHILE THEY SAY THEY ARE VACATIONING, KRISHNAN GAINED THE IMPRESSION THEY WOULD LIKE TO GATHER MATERIAL FOR STORIES ON INDIA WHILE THEY ARE HERE. THE MATERIAL WOULD PRESUMABLY BE USED AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE FROM INDIA. SAAR/NIX ASKED OUR LOCAL FOR THE NAMES OF TWO OR THREE PEOPLE TO WHOM THEY MIGHT TALK WHILE THEY ARE IN MADRAS.

2. KRISHNAN REFRAINED FROM GIVING SAAR/NIX ANY NAMES, AND SUGGESTED TO THEM THAT THEY SHOULD BE CAREFUL INTERVIEWING PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE HERE ON VACATION. THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME

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SOMETIME DURING THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS IF I HAVE TIME, BUT

DID NOT INSIST ON DOING SO. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE THEM, THOUGH  
I AM IN FACT QUITE BUSY, BUT WILL BE GUIDED BY THE EMBASSY'S  
ADVICE. IF I DO SEE THEM I THINK THEY SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE  
GOI'S POSITION ON VISITING CORRESPONDENTS WHO FILE STORIES WITHOUT  
ACCREDITATION.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT WHERE SAAR/NIX MIGHT BE GOING FROM  
HERE BUT WILL PASS ALONG ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE GET FROM  
THEM.  
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